

EXERCISES

A. Complete these sentences. Use the **First Conditional**

1. If the weather _____ (**be**) nice tomorrow, we _____ (**drive**) to the coast.
2. If she _____ (**post**) the letter now, they _____ (**receive**) it tomorrow.
3. The boss _____ (**be**) angry if John _____ (**arrive**) at work late again.
4. I _____ (**go**) to their party if I _____ (**have**) enough time.
5. If she _____ (**not/pass**) this exam, she _____ (**not/get**) the job she wants.
6. You _____ (**learn**) a lot if you _____ (**take**) this course.
7. If I _____ (**get**) a ticket, I _____ (**go**) to the concert.
8. I _____ (**buy**) that camera if it _____ (**not/cost**) too much.
9. If you _____ (**run**) very fast, you _____ (**catch**) the bus.
10. I _____ (**go**) to the doctor's if I _____ (**not/feel**) better tomorrow.
11. If they _____ (**win**) this game, they _____ (**be**) the champions.

B. Complete these sentences. Use the **Second Conditional**.

0. *If Sally lived in Brighton, she would be (**be**) near her parents.*
0. *Fred would read more if he didn't work (**not/work**) so hard.*
1. If Elizabeth _____ (**not/have**) to work in the evenings, she _____ (**go**) to concerts.
2. Susan _____ (**not/go**) to work by car if she _____ (**live**) near a train station.
3. Alan _____ (**not/be**) fat if he _____ (**not/eat**) so much.
4. If Peter _____ (**not/live**) in a flat, he _____ (**have**) a dog.
5. Pam _____ (**definitely /learn**) French if she _____ (**get**) a job in France.
6. If Mark _____ (**want**) to be healthy, he _____ (**not/smoke**).

C. Fill in the gaps using the right tense.

1. The teacher _____ (**be**) pleased if the pupils greeted him.
2. I _____ (**certainly/do**) it if it's possible.
3. If you _____ (**do**) the job carefully, you'd get better results.
4. I'd be terribly sorry if he _____ (**break**) the vase.
5. They will be foolish if they _____ (**not /take**) this opportunity.
6. I _____ (**be**) scared if a thief walked in here.

7. If she _____ (**be**) older, she would have more sense.
8. If I go to bed now I _____ (**not /sleep**).
9. If he _____ (**not /work**), he won't earn any money.
10. If I _____ (**be**) you, I wouldn't marry him.

D. Rewrite the following sentences beginning them as indicated below and make the necessary transformations.

1. If you don't leave now, you'll miss the train.

Unless _____

2. If you don't pay the bill, I'll call the police.

Unless _____

3. If you don't take some medicine, you won't recover.

Unless _____

4. If you lend me a pen, I'll write the answers.

Unless _____

5. If you listen to me, you'll understand.

Unless _____

E. Rewrite the following sentences as indicated below and make the necessary transformations:

1. You're hungry now because you didn't have breakfast.

If you had breakfast _____

2. He is fat because he doesn't go to the gym.

But if he _____

3. You really shouldn't work so hard, you know.

If I were _____

4. You shouldn't drive so fast, you know.

If I were _____

Further Exercises

Conditional sentences: Type 1

F. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tenses.

1. If I see him I _____ (**give**) him a lift.
2. The table will collapse if you _____ (**stand**) on it.
3. If he _____ (**eat**) all that he will be ill.
4. If I find your passport I _____ (**telephone**) you at once.
5. The police _____ (**arrest**) him if they catch him.
6. If he _____ (**read**) in bad light he will ruin his eyes.
7. Someone _____ (**steal**) your car if you leave it unlocked.
8. What will happen if my parachute _____ (**not / open**)?
9. If he _____ (**wash**) my car I'll give him £10.
10. If you _____ (**not / go**) away I'll send for the police.
11. I'll be very angry if he _____ (**make**) any more mistakes.
12. If he _____ (**be**) late we'll go without him.
13. She will be absolutely furious if she _____ (**hear**) about this.
14. If you put on the kettle I _____ (**make**) the tea.
15. If you give my dog a bone he _____ (**bury**) it at once.
16. If we leave the car here it _____ (**not / be**) in anybody's way.
17. He'll be late for the train if he _____ (**not / start**) at once.
18. If you come late they _____ (**not / let**) you in.
19. If he _____ (**go**) on telling lies nobody will believe a word he says.
20. If I lend you £10 when _____ (**you / repay**) me?
21. We'll have to move upstairs if the river _____ (**rise**) any higher.
22. Ice _____ (**turn**) to water if you heat it.
23. If the house _____ (**burn**) down we will claim compensation.
24. If you _____ (**not / like**) this one I'll bring you another.
25. Unless you are more careful you _____ (**have**) an accident.
26. If I tell you a secret, _____ (**you / promise**) not to tell it to anyone else?
27. If he _____ (**like**) the house will he buy it?
28. Unless I have a quiet room I _____ (**not / be**) able to do any work.
29. She won't open the door unless she _____ (**know**) who it is.

Conditional sentences: Type 2

G. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tenses.

1. If I had a typewriter I _____ (**type**) it myself.
2. If I _____ (**know**) his address I'd give it to you.
3. He _____ (**look**) a lot better if he shaved more often.
4. If you _____ (**play**) for lower stakes you wouldn't lose so much.
5. If he worked more slowly he _____ (**not / make**) so many mistakes.
6. I shouldn't drink that wine if I _____ (**be**) you.
7. More tourists would come to this country if it _____ (**have**) a better climate.
8. If I were sent to prison _____ (**you / visit**) me?
9. If someone _____ (**give**) you a helicopter what would you do with it?
10. I _____ (**buy**) shares in that company if I had some money.
11. If he _____ (**clean**) his windscreen he'd be able to see where he was going.
12. If you drove your car into the river _____ (**you / be**) able to get out?
13. If you _____ (**not / belong**) to a union you couldn't get a job.
14. If I _____ (**win**) the prize in a lottery I'd give up my job.
15. What _____ (**you / do**) if you found a burglar in your house?
16. I could tell you what this means if I _____ (**know**) Greek.
17. If everybody _____ (**give**) £1 we would have enough.
18. If you _____ (**paint**) the walls white the room would be much brighter.
19. If he knew that it was dangerous he _____ (**not / come**).
20. If you _____ (**see**) someone drowning what would you do?
21. I _____ (**be**) ruined if I bought her everything she asked for.
22. If you slept under a mosquito net you _____ (**not / be**) bitten so often.
23. I would get a job easily if I _____ (**have**) a degree.
24. If we had more rain our crops _____ (**grow**) faster.
25. The whole machine would fall to pieces if you _____ (**remove**) that screw.
26. If you _____ (**change**) your job would it affect your pension?
27. I'd go and see him more often if he _____ (**live**) on a bus route.
28. I _____ (**offer**) to help if I thought I'd be any use.

Conditional sentences: Type 1 or 2

H. Fill in the gaps with the correct tense from the verbs in brackets.

1. You will spoil it if you _____ (**not be**) careful.
2. _____ (**you/ help**) me if I need you?
3. If it is fine, I _____ (**go**) for a swim
4. If it rained, I _____ (**stay**) at home.
5. If you are good, I _____ (**give**) you a piece of chocolate.
6. If you rang the bell, the man _____ (**come**).
7. You'd catch the train if you _____ (**get**) up early.
8. If he saw you, he _____ (**speak**) to you.
9. The streets would be wet if it _____ (**rain**).
10. You'll be ill if you _____ (**drink**) that water.
11. If a beggar asks you for money, _____ (**you give**) him any?
12. If you put the parcel on the table, the boy _____ (**post**) it for you
13. If you buy that big house, you _____ (**need**) several servants.
14. If you go to town, _____ (**buy**) something for me?
15. If he buys a house for £2000 and sells it for £6000 he _____ (**make**) a good profit.
16. If you _____ (**find**) a skeleton in the cellar don't mention it to anyone.
17. If someone offered to buy you one of those rings, which _____ (**you/ choose**)?
18. You would play better bridge if you _____ (**not talk**) so much.
19. Unless they turn that radio off I _____ (**go**) mad.
20. I'll probably get lost unless he _____ (**come**) with me.
21. You'll get pneumonia if you _____ (**not change**) your wet clothes.
22. I _____ (**not buy**) things on that store If I were you.
23. You _____ (**not be**) any use to me unless you learn to type.
24. If anyone attacked me, my dog _____ (**jump**) at his throat.
25. If you go to Paris, where _____ (**you/ stay**)?
26. You _____ (**not have**) so many accidents if you drove more slowly.
27. If you shake that bottle of Port it _____ (**not be**) fit to drink.
28. I would repair the roof myself if I _____ (**have**) a long ladder.